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## **Clark-Coleman Hits The Road With New Curriculum Standards**

*Plans Public Forum for Parents, Educators & Community Leaders*

LANSING – Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) will host a public forum on newly proposed high school curriculum standards intended to become effective this fall. Set for Monday, March 20 from 6 – 8 .p.m., at Wayne County Community College’s Northwest Campus, the discussion will feature a presentation by State Board of Education President Kathleen N. Straus and her staff.

New class standards are the key to Michigan’s economic future, state officials say. Proposed requirements include: 4 credits in English Language Arts, 4 credits in Mathematics, 3 credits in Science, 3 credits in Social Science , 2 credits in a World Language, 1 credit in Health and Physical Education and 1 credit in Fine Arts or Music.

“We owe it to our students to make sure they can compete in this global economy,” Sen. Clark-Coleman said. “We must give them the tools to be successful in life, no matter the professional road they choose.”

Sen. Clark-Coleman recently sponsored legislation that would require school districts across the state to adhere to the more stringent core curriculum. Senate Bill 1021 mirrors the proposal presented by then State Board of Education.

Parents, educators, community leaders, elected officials and those interested in public education are invited to attend the forum that will be held at the WCCCD Northwest Campus Auditorium, 8551 Greenfield Rd. (near Joy Rd.).

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*State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.*